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In re Patent Application of:
Ernst-Christian RICHTER et al.

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For: OPTICAL DEVICE FOR USE WITH A
LITHOGRAPHY METHOD

Examiner: P. B. Kim

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 31, 2006, for which a response is due on May 1, 2006 (April 30, 2006 being a Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.